

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are pending. No claim has been canceled. Claims 1, 8, 15, and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Examiner rejected claims 1-12 and 14 -19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,765,140 by Knudson et al. (hereinafter “Knudson”). Examiner rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,765,140 by Knudson et al. (hereinafter “Knudson”). In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-19 include limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, individually or in combination.

Specifically, independent claim 1 recites as follows:

1. A data structure for an automated project tracking system, the data structure residing in a computer readable memory and comprising:
 - a project window comprising a project identification field formatted to receive and display a project identifier and a project status field formatted to receive and display a project status;
 - a request window comprising a request identification field formatted to receive and display a request identifier and a request status field formatted to receive and display a request status; and
 - a task window comprising a task identification field formatted to receive and display a task identifier and a task status field formatted to receive and display a task status,wherein one of the request window and task window is displayed within the project window while the project identifier and the project status are displayed within the project window concurrently, and
wherein the request and task windows are displayed as overlapped pages within the project window and each of the request and task windows is selectable via a page selector within the project window.

(Emphasis added)

Independent claim 1 includes a project window, a request window, and a task window, where the request and task windows are displayed within the project window (e.g., the single

instance of an application). In addition, the request and task windows are displayed as overlapped pages and each of the windows may be selected via a page selector (to bring it to the front) within the project window. It is respectfully submitted that these limitations are absent from Knudson.

Rather, Knudson is related to underlying project management system (see, Figs. 2-4 of Knudson), instead of user interfaces. In contrast, the present invention as claimed is related to various embodiments of graphical user interfaces (GUIs) of a project management application. Knudson and the present application are solving significantly different problems and their approaches are significantly different. It is respectfully submitted that Knudson fails to disclose the limitations set forth above with respect to independent claim 1. Therefore, for the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Knudson.

Similarly, independent claims 8, 15, and 19 include limitations that are similar to those discussed above. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 8, 15, and 19 are not anticipated by Knudson.

Given that the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are not anticipated by Knudson. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully submitted.

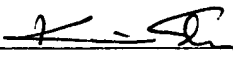
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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